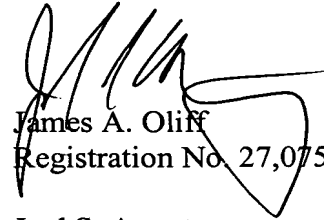


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to replace the abstract, and claims 3 - 7 and 9 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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